

FISCAL NOTE

HB 831

March 9, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Excludes any county, local or municipal jails, prisons or workhouses from the definition of “public property” provisions under the vocational services to the blind vending stands statute.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - \$196,400/Blind Vendor Set-Aside Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000

Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Revenues - \$922,200/Blind Vendor Fund within the Tennessee Business Enterprise Program

Assumptions:

- Any unemployment of licensed blind vendors in jails and prisons could result in a decrease of \$196,400 in state revenues to the blind vendors “set-aside fund” resulting in a decrease of \$922,200 in federal matching funds at a rate of 78.7%.
- Local governments will have a significant increase in revenues exceeding \$100,000 for contracting with private vendors and receiving a percentage of products sold through vending services.
- Could have a significant impact on the Vocational Rehabilitation program which receives any federal dollars that are matched but not used in the Tennessee Business Enterprise program.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director